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Industries

Weaving parties sent out during last year.

*1853 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many weaving parties were sent out during the last year;
(b) how many places they visited; and
(c) the maximum and minimum number of days during which they stopped at a place?

A.—(a) Five parties were working during 1927-28 in the districts of Godavari, North Arcot, Salem, Madura and Tinnevelly.

(b) & (c) The Government are not in possession of these details.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"May I know whether the Government will call for the information asked for?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Oh, yes."

Administration Reports

Administration reports under the hon. the Member for Revenue.

*1854 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a statement showing—
(a) the administration reports of the several departments under his control for the years 1927-28 and 1928-29;
(b) the month in which they were received by Government;
(c) the months in which they were published with reviews; and
(ii) to state whether any, and if so, what steps have been taken to place them before the public at an earlier date?

A.—(i) (a) to (c) A statement [a] is appended. Reports for 1928-29 are due only after the close of March 1929.

(ii) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1841.

Irrigation

Irrigation Works in the Ganjam district.

*1855 Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(a) to place on the table the note of Mr. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar, M.L.C. (the then Executive Engineer, Ganjam district), regarding the irrigation works in the Ganjam district, including the improvement of the existing works in 1911; and
(b) to state what action the Government have taken thereon?

A.—(a) & (b) The following papers [b] are laid on the table:—

(1) Note by Mr. R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar, dated 12th October 1912;

[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 784 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 785-822 infra.

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(2) Chief Engineer's Memorandum Dis. No. 479, dated 4th March 1913;
(3) Inspection notes by the Chief Engineer, dated November 12th; and
(4) G.O. No. 566 I., dated 12th December 1912.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"May I know the reason why these papers were not placed before the Irrigation Committee of Ganjam?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"Notice, Sir; I do not know."

Land Revenue

Extent of land under cultivation in Kistna and Godavari districts.

* 1856 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what the total area of land at the time of the last settlement (i.e., in 1899) was in the districts now known as Godavari East and West and Kistna;

(b) the area under cultivation in the above districts at the last settlement; and

(c) what the above figures are according to the new survey recently held?

A.—(a) The following are the approximate figures:—

	SQ. MILES.
East Godavari	6,220
West Godavari	2,502
Kistna	3,507

The figure for East Godavari includes the area of Nugur taluk (593 square miles) transferred to the Madras Presidency in 1909.

(b) The area cultivated in the above districts in 1900–01 was 1,714,099 acres.

This figure does not include areas for which there were no returns of the area cultivated.

(c) The Government have not the figures of the total area of land according to the resurvey recently made. The area cultivated in the above districts in 1927–28 was 2,873,150 acres.

Pensions paid to persons in lieu of lands resumed.

* 1857 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the names and the amounts of pensions paid to each person in lieu of lands resumed in this province; and

(b) the income in each case from the lands resumed?

A.—(a) A list is being compiled and will be supplied to the hon. Member.
(b) The Government have not the information.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"With reference to answer (b), may I know whether the information will be called for?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"No, Sir; to undertake to compile the statement showing what income is derived by the people who own the lands will entail a big enquiry."